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Selected Poetry.

The Boys.

There come the boys! O deart the noise. The whole house feels the racket; Behold the knee of Harry's pants, And weep o'er Bertie's jacket!

But never mind, if eyes keep bright, And limbs grow straight and limber We'd rather lose the tree's whole bark Than find ansound the timber!

Now hear the tops and marbels roll! The floors—O woe betide them! And I must watch the banister, For I know the boys who ride them! Look well as you descend the stairs, I often find them haunted By ghostly toys that make no noise Just when their noise is wanted.

The very chairs are tied in pairs, And made to prance and caper; What swords are whittled out of sticks! What brave hats made of paper!

Then dinner-bell peals loud and well, To tell the milkman's coming; And then the rash of "steam-ear trains" Sets all our cars a bumming.

How oft I say, "What shall I do To keep those children quiet?" If I could find a good receipt, I certainly should try it. But what to do with these wild boys, And all their din and clatter, Is really quite a grave affair— No laughling, triding matter.

"Boys will be boys"—but not for long; Ah! could we bear about us This thought—how very soon our boys will learn to do without us! How soon but tall and deep-voiced men Will gravely call us "Mother;" Or we be stretching empty hands From this world to the other!"

More gently we should chile the noise, And when night quells the racket, Stitch in but loving thought and prayers While mending pants and jacket!

Miscellaneous Reading.

Death at a Christmas Festival. FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

On Christmas night, 1872, repaired to the Baptist church at Newberry, Lycoming county, Pa., to take part in the joy of the occasion, a large Christmas-tree having been prepared for the children, The upper room was densly packed, and the gifts were being distributed, when suddenly, without a moment's notice, the floor settled a little. There was the silence of death -a peculiar tremor-a quivering of the timbers-a fearful crash, and the next moment the entire au

L.J. BLOUNT . . - . . . Proprietor. dience were forced toward the cenexcite sure, he and a function.

The picture is H in the by 14, just the size pleasing effect what framed; as a partor or sitting room armanent, it is tasteful and elegant. the struggling mass, extinguishing the lights, and the cries and groans of the injured and dying were heard to the distance of a mile. This Hotel, a few teet from the Railroad Depot, and where all travelers on all trains can take meals, has just been greatly cular ged and thoroughly repaired, painted, &c., and is now in complete order for the reception of guests. Terms stop ten minutes for meals. Terms by extinguished. The scene was ly extinguished. The scene was most fearful. Twelve persons were killed outright, and about fifty in-

> About two hundred and fifty persons were present. It is a marked and special providence that the list of killed and wounded is not larger, when we consider the number that were buried beneath that living mass, and received the crush-

of being read and remembered:

angels in a better land.

TOUCHING INCIDENT.

Amid the groans and shricks of the wounded and dying, and the wails of anguish, there might have been seen a wounded Christian mother kneeling upon the snow,

ing. One by one, by name, she and Read: asked God that her loved ones might be spared-not forgetting all who were so suddenly overtaken -"if consistent with thy will, O my Father!" and one by one, as they escaped or were rescued, and the more saved," or, " Thank God, an- writer says:

other saved." At length all but one of her family had been rescued, when might have been heard these words: "Now, O Father, if thou canst, if consistent with thy will, give me back my darling H-."

In a short time, the last one appeared, and throwing his arms around her neck, exclaimed, "O As the boy recieved a mother's kiss, a fond embrace and the benediction, "God bless you," she broke forth in the words of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within bless his holy name; bless post. Dr. Caso, who lived in the the Lord, O my soul! and forget not all his benefits," etc.

HOW JOHNNY WAS SAVED. Among the last to escape from

the second-story windws, on the south side of the building, was a He is said to have gained more by wells ever known in the home of little lad named" Johany," apparen- this couplet than Dryden did by all the soul-the Christian's heaven. tly about six years old. He came his works.

winow-sill. Scarcely had the lad's the Continent, he obtained from head peered above the sill, until a some monks those rece pts by which voice at our side sung out, "Jump, he afterward made his "Friar's Jonny, jump." It was the father, Balsam" and other nostrums. He and the voice was recognized at began to practice physic about 1733. oure, but the boy hesitated. He A newspaper attacked his pills as was assured that a father's arms poisonous, and adduced instances were ready to "catch him," and to in which it had killed patients. "jump at once." A friend cried Ward replied with deposiout, "Hold on, don't jump here is a tions that the deaths had arisen ladder," and within a few moments from other causes, and with testiit was placed within his reach, and monials of wonderful success. The the boy came down in safty.

clasped his little one to his arms, article against him with this coup- as you used to do." and was soon on his way home, let: How the lad reached the window, and maintained his coolness and discretion was a wonder to more than one who saw or heard the incident. THE COMFORT OF PRAYER.

At one of the residences was ly- The king recovered, and he re ing the body of a lovely young we- ceived a solemn vote of thanks man. The mother and sister weep- from the House of Commons, and ing, the father having just left the obtained the privilege of driving house, seeking held. A Christan his carriage through St. James'

large assemblage of persons, places, but I would like so much if plain his title, he replied, "Why, you would kneel down and pray you s-s-see, sir, I w-w-as not with us, it would do mother and b-born a d-d-doctor, and me so much good." The business man—the man of doctor." God, knelt down, and as he poured

QUACKERY A CENTURY AND A "The desire of life is so natural

flowed to each heart.

HALF AGO. with their predecessors of the eigh- none." teenth century. "When we conside er their numbers, their ignorance, and the impudence of their pretensions," it continues, "we find it almost impossible to understand the success they met with, and the way they were spoken of and patronized by the highest in the land.

Cobblers, tinkers, footmen, and tailors (some not able to read their own advisements), assumed the title of doctor, and petended to be ing weight of timbers and people. Some of thes adventurers were so able to cure every known disease,' We enclose you a few incidents lucky as to receive titles from the connected with the disaster, worthy king, and the honor of votes of thanks from the House of Com-HUSH, ANGEL, IT WILL SOON BE OVER. mons. One. W. William Read, was Mrs. Duncan Campbell, with a originally a tallor, and could hardson, was among the number killed. ly read, yet in oudence and the use She fell near a Mrs. Sherman, and of scraps of Latin, gave him a was heard to say to her boy, in un- great reputation for learning, enader tones, as she was crying, "Hush abled him to become occulist to angel, it will soon be over," and Queen Anne and King George the she passed away. Both are now First, and o' ained the honor of knighthood f on the former sover- glory, faded forever from his glazed but the trouble is he does not eign. In one of his advertisements eyes. he called upon the Vice-Chancellor,

vouch for his cares. Another, Dr. Grant, was very il literate; he started as a tinker, be with clasped hands and upturned came a Baptist preacher, and then eyes, giving God praise and thanks- turned doctor. He also received giving for her merciful deliverance. the appointment of occulist to A husband, several children, and Queen Anne. A writer in the Grub a sister were still within the build | Street Journal said concerning him

> "Her Majesty, sure, was in a surprise, Or else was very short-sighted, When a tinker was sworn to look after

And the mountebank Read was knighted." Dr. Grant had his portrait engraved on a copper-plate, from glad tidings fell upon her ears, she which copies were printed for diswould exclaim, "Bless the Lord, one tribution. Of this portrait the same

> A linker first his seene of life began; That failing, he set up for a cunning man; But wanting luck, puts on a new diaguise,

But this expect, that like a tinker true, Where he mends one eye, he puts out two." Dr. Tom Saffold, who flourished

used to publish his bills in verse, shall adorn his brow, and robes of thus mother! thank God we are safe." "Here's Saffold's pills, much better than the never to be changed for the gar-

A box of eighteen pills for eighteen pence,

Though 'tis too cheap in any man's ow Specimens of his poetical pow ers were also placed on his door same house afterward, erased the

stituted two lines of his own:

Lives Doctor Case."

Dr. Ward was a footman, and clambering up, amid many difficulties, and at langth reached the while traveling with his master on controversy continued some time. The father, with tears of joy, One of his assallants concluded an

"Before you take his drop or pill, Taketeave of friends and make your will." He received the patronage of Gen- that circuit. eral Churchill and Lord Chief-Justice Reynolds, and was called in to prescribe for George the Second.

retire, when the sister remarked, Doctor." A writer of the time "Mr .---, this is no time to ask sparks of him as the "Stuttering favors, when your presence is so Unborn Doctor," and relates that a much needed, at so many different gentleman having asked him to exs-s-so I am an u-u-u-unborn

The patronage which is almost out his soul in prayer, comfort always given to quacks like these is thus accounted for in one of the Spectator's pleasant papers:

tonishing as their success must ap- catches at every twig, and hopes for swer, "Oh! yes," when asked dance more, and defiance to the pear to every thinking person, they relief from the most ignorant, when if he has done his errand. pale into insignificance compared the most able physicians give him

ALMOST HOME.

"Never darkness, never doubting, As we near the promised land; Never fear lest we should stumble

While He holds us by the hand. "I'm almost home," said an aged Christian, while standing upon the anks of the lonely river called Death. His eye had caught a glimpse of the shining towers of the Celestial City, and in the dim distance he could see the "house with many mansions," which was soon to be his everlasting home. No cloud of darkness could hide the beautiful vision from the aged wanderer, and no distressing fears could drive away the blessed thought that soon he was to mingle

forever in the city of light. "I'm almost home," he repeated is enough. again, as his feet touched the dark

ful goal of happiness in the spirit with thy might."

"Almost home," whispered one whose life had been blasted by disease, even in the morning of life, while flowers were yet springing up in their spotless beauty and purity at her feet. Yet death had no terrors for the suffering one-for her feet were standing upon the firm rock which iey winds and beating storms can never move. Her eyes were fixed upon the hallowed cross of Chrsst; and the peaceful mansion, prepared for the pure in heart, lured her soul to its

unfading glory. Almost home. Oh! what a blissful thought to the earth-worn Christian, whose weary feet are walking down by the river's waves. Only a little while and he shall sing those holy songs with the redeemed ones in the "Father's Home." A early in the eighteenth century, little while and a golden crown, eternal whiteness shall he wear, ments of the tomb. A little while and he shall greet the last of other days to part again in sadness never more, for he has gained an eternal

Almost home! Toil on, then, Christian; hope on, pray on, for you life. verses of his predecessor, and sub. are nearing the land of sacred rest,

no sighs-no tears, and no sad fare-"Oh! home unknows. Oh! home divine.

Father all-wise, eternal. Guide, guide these wandering, wayworn for of mine

Into those pastures vernal." "IS GOD DEAD?"

(From the Life Boat.) In Mariposa, Cal., there lived -Mary Cannon. One evening, were there, and over the crowd. when all was silent, she looked up auxiously into the face of her back sliden father-and said:

"Pa, is God dead?" "No, my child, why do you ask me such a question as that?"

These words haunted him till he

Henry and Habit. From the Child's World.1

Henry Town is a good enough boy in some respects. He is prepare for flight, when a brave young officer, named Carnot, waved his jewelled hand above his head, of telegraphs easily operated ant in his manners, but in mat- and defiance to the flames!" All their families, the management broken reed.

will you be sure to put this "Oh! certainly."

"Now, you won't forget it?" "No, really I won't."

shall hardly know what to do."

The consequence is, that her. She has to find her way tressed, anxious day. She is not well or strong, the fatigue and the worry make her ill for a week, and the whole pleasure of her visit is spoiled, because Henry could not take the trouble to keep his mind on one subject long enough to post

a letter. I might multiply instances of the worry, disappointment, and wear-and-tear of the tempers with the holy ones that dwell and feelings of others occasioned by Henry's habits, but one

Henry is always very sorry, waters, and the world, with all its and never means to do so again, mean not to do so, and I fear he "Home! home!" were the last will never reform, unless he University, and so takes to heart the lesson, we know he had reached the peace- "What thy hand finds to do, do

NOT ALONE. Sages of old contended that no sin was ever committed whose consequences rested on the head of the sinner alone-that no can could do

ill, and his fellows not suffer. They illustrated it thus: "A vessel sailing from Joppa carried a passenger who, beneath his these is gathered as a shock of byterian one to 1,014. berth, cut a hole through the ship's corn in its season. O believer. side. When the men of the watch if thy God summon thee away expostulated with him, 'What doest betimes, his Spirit will first Court has decided that a dethou, O, miserable man?' the of perfect that which concerneth serter from the army, who has fender calmly replied: 'What mat- thee; nor will Providence apply been caught and made to serve

made lies under my own berth."

quences of his transgressions. \$100,000 have been subscribed toward a home for infirm Episcopal

city of New York. There are 500 white Sunday Schools with 12,000 teachers and 30,000 scholars, in Virginia.

There have been 1,500 conver-

The Last Dance.

During the occupancy of the city of Moscow by the French agmy, a party of officers and soldiers ty are yearly entering more determined to have a military levee, and for this purpose chose the deserted palace of a nobleman. That and convenience of the people. night the city was set on fire. As It sounds the alarm and brings the sun went down they began to speedy succor when fire threatassemble. The women who followed the fortunes of the French army ens devastation and ruin. It were decorated for the occasion. furnishes to every merchant, large eyed, beautiful little prattler The gayest and noblest of the army | broker and business man who

amusement.

Again and again they left their apparent to all. They were envel-

amiable and truthful and pleas- and exclaimed: "One more dance, by themselves or members of man enter's the room; his heart is park. When he died he left his in unison, in full sympathy with the bereaved ones. After a few min
One of the quacks of this period bereaved ones. After a few min
The liability or trust, he is the lips of all. The dance comparison of the management of the manag "Henry," says his sister, the sound of music, and faster and the use of electrical signals, letter in the post-office for me?" suddenly they heard a cry: "The dashes alon the irong rail at a -fly for your life!" One moment "It is to Uncle Thomas was there, and ere they recovered dition of the line for miles about meeting me in New York, from their stupor, the vault explod- ahead, and whether other trains and if he doesn't get it and ed. The building was shattered to come to the station for me, I pieces, and the dancers were hurmisplaced switches and said whether other trains ried into a fearful eternity.

"The desire of life is so natural and strong a passion that I have a strong a long since ceased to wonder at the go to the post-office the first of death, the grave, judgment and trical current, the fidelity of A brief article in the English great encouragement which the thing, but on the way down he eternity. They pause a moment in watchmen is assured, or their magazine, Temple Bar, on the Practice of medicine finds among meets a companion, who has something to say about a sail"Quacks of the Eighteenth Central of the shifting of a sailing party and Henry forests." tury," contains a number of amus- faith in the abilities of a quack, ing party, and Henry forgets on them in sickness, but no sooner trical tell-tale. The concealed ing anecdotes. It begins with the will apply themselves to him, either the letter entirely, until about are they restored than they forget wire and electric circuit betray statement, which is not always easy because he is willing to sell health three hours after the mail. it all, and hurry on. Death enters the operations of the burglar to believe, that numerous as are the at a reasonable profit, or because Then he drops it in, and thinks their homes, and the cry is heard: quacks of the present day, and as- the patient, like a drowning man, no more about it, only to an- soon, like Carnot, they say: "One ed by electricity. of the living God speakes powerfully home to their hearts, and they when his sister gets to New shake, tremble, and are amazed; and with the cry: "Time enough by and by," they speed on, stifling the

Ripening For Glory.

From Toplady.[

years in circuiting the same ities, and pouring out on us the common center. Thus, some of grace of supplication? God's converted people are soon matured for glory ,by their nearness to, and intimate communion with, the Sun of reightousness. These are frequently known to outrun their brethren, and (like John at the tomb of ascend to their Master's joy at saints who do not ripen so fast, or who have a larger field of usefulness to occupy on earth, are detained from their crown until they are full of years and 958 communicants, the Protestant good works. Each of one of Episcopal has one to 498, the Pres-

Beefsteak.

ry vou." (Isa. 46: 4.)

TAKE a round steak and make sacred drops from the well of and sew up the edges. Put lic cemetery at that place. this in a dripping pan with a little water, plenty of butter, At Reading, Pa., last week shall roll on forever. No death- of Virginia during the past year, the most and bake both sides. a grain of coffee.

General Adaption of Electricity

(From the Scientific American.)

THE telegraph and electrici-

were there, and merriment reigned desire it, in the more important During the dance the fire rapidly business centers, a constant recapproached them; they saw it com- ord in his own office or countng, but felt no fear. At length the ing-room of the condition and building next to the one they occu- transactions of our exchange, pled was on fire. Going to the windows, they gazed upon the bilows of fire which swept over the articles of traffic and commerce. "Why, pa, you never talk to him city, and then returned to their It calls messengers and assistants, when needed, to any loplearsnres to watch the progress of cality, at all hours of the day was reclaimed. He related the in- the flames. At length the dance or night. It furnishes commucident to me while I was traveling ceased, and the necessity of leav- nicaton between the offices, ing the scene of merriment became manufactories, and places of buoped in a flood of fire, and gazed siness of merchants, manufacon with deep and awful solemnity. turers, shippers, and others. At last the fire, communicated to The editors of our great newstheir own building, caused them to papers can sit in their libraries menced; louder and louder grew and disasters averted, through dancing men and women, when The engineer, as his locomotive fire has reached the magazine! Fly speed which outstips the wind, they stood transfixed with terror; can, at a glance at the signal they did not know the magazine by the roadside, know the conmisplaced switches and open Thus will it be on the final day. draw-bridges invite him to "Oh! I'll be sure to put it in," Men will be as careless as those ill-death and distruction. Our

Pleasing God in the Closet.

Whenever we feel a want of se-York, where she has never been but earth castes its spell around cret prayer or a reluctance to engage before, there is no one to meet them, and sings to them its songs, in it, we ought to ask ourselves at once, "How should we like God to to the other side of Brooklyn voice, till often, ere days or months become reluctant to hear our prayalone, takes the wrong car, have passed, the bolt has sped, the ers, or the Intercessor to grow weaand only finds her friends at word has descended, the Judge has ry of presenting them before the the end of a very troubled, disdoes not bring us to our senses at once, and then send us willingly to our closet, we ought to follow it up by asking: "What should we think -feel-do-were the Father to shut Some of the planets finish his ear on our prayers; the Son to their rotations in much less exclude them from the golden centime than others. The nearer ser of his incense, and the spirit to they are to the sun, the more withhold all its help in future? The speedily they revolve, Mercury, bare idea is horrible! And were for instance, is not quite 88 such a dread reality possible in our days in ac complishing his year, case, how should we agonize in terwhile Saturn takes up consid- rorand suspense, until we felt again erably more than 29 of our the Holy Spirit helping our infirm-

> Profane swearng is abominable. Vulgar language is disgusting. Loud laughter is impolite. Inquisitiveness is offensive. Tattling is mean .our Lord) to reach the sepul-Telling a falsehood is contemptichre, finish their course, and ble. Ignorance is disgraceful. and laziness is shameful. Avoid a very early period; while all the above advices and aim at usefulness .- Farmers' Home Journal.

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THE United States Supreme ters it to you? The hole I have the sickle until grace hath made out the entire term of his serthee white for the harvest vice, and obtained a regular This ancient parable is worthy Or, if they lengthen thy thread, discharge from the army, is, in of the utmost consideration. No having much for thee to suffer, effect, just as good as if he had man perishes alone in his iniquity; he will show himself the God been faithful from the first, and no man can guess the full conse- of thy old age, and not forsake is legally entitled to his bounthee when thou art grayheaded; ty. This will be good news for he hath inviolably declared, to those who have suffered by "Even to your old age, I am he; the decision of the Paymaster clergymen, to be located near the and to hoary hairs will I car- General, which was exactly op-

An ingenious youth of Westerly, R. L., aged 15, has com THE tears of sympathy are a dressing. Lay on the meat his sister, to stand in the Catho-

where peace, like the river's waves sions in the Baptist Sunday Schools a little sait and pepper. Turn a child was choked to death by